

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA §
§
VS. § MAGISTRATE ACTION NO. C-08-394-2
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MELISSA ARRENDONDO §

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

A detention hearing has been held in accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f). The following requires detention of the defendant pending trial in this case:

(1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear for court as required; and

(2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

The evidence against the defendant is substantial. She was being paid to transport undocumented aliens. The findings and conclusions contained in the Pretrial Services Report are adopted. The defendant has three failures to appear on her record. She is a cocaine and alcohol abuser, and she was caught and released in February for transporting aliens. The defendant was on felony bond when she committed this offense, reflecting that she is either unwilling or unable to comply with court-ordered conditions of release. She is a poor bond risk.

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent

practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

ORDERED this 30th day of May, 2008.



B. JANICE ELLINGTON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE